

## Boys' Swindling at Guttenburg.

the Garfield Park Derby.

uniformed messenger boys who make bets for people in the club-house and grand stands were swindling their customers on a wholesale plan. He had no positive evidence to support his statement, however. He kept his eyes wide open for the next few days, and yesterday he again came to the writer with unmistakable evidence that the swindle was

Later the gentleman learned that "Uncle Sam" had been paid \$100 for his ticket only showed half that price, so his suspicions were aroused. He went down into the ring and made the startling discovery that there was no such book as the "Official Book." The man who sold him the ticket confronted with the evidence of his guilt admitted that he was responsible for the ticket and would have paid the money himself if he had not been afraid to buy the ticket, but refused to say who did. He admitted that other boys were doing the same thing. Further investigation revealed that the boys were getting their tickets from past ring days. It was then that officers of

gentleman who makes the complaint declared that he one day found a messenger altering the odds on a cricket. Mr. Kagan, the messenger, was a Jew, and he was a Russian, he said, and he, so the writer's informant says, declared that the boys had a right to change the odds to those prevailing in the ring. The investigation, if searching is conducted, will reveal an interesting state of affairs.

The old reports regarding the reopening of the Elizabeth track are again floating about. This time the rumor says that the course will reopen on next Wednesday. The management of the track, the Jockey Club Association has purchased the dates of the Linden Jockey Club. The Guttenberg management declared

The purses and stakes. There is a Conference between the two associations which will be held at Gutterburg where racing at Elizabeth City shall be none at Gutterburg. If Mr. Dwyer is in earnest and reopens Elizabeth there may be a merry war between the two associations.

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The Gutterburg Association recently called in all its complimentary badges and cut down the number of "owner and trainer" badges to the number of "owner and driver" badges. The reason given was that the "owner and trainer" badge was a misnomer, that they have made a mistake. The attendance is getting very slim at the counter attraction of the pool-room.

The old Guttenburger, Sir Lancelot, is the best and fastest sprinter at the East Side jumbo. He is a real "hot" race horse, with a few virilings with ridiculous ease, carrying 1380 and 133 pounds.

The racing at Gutterburg yesterday was interesting throughout, though some heart-breaking choices were made during the day. Blackburn and Ptoffy, both heavily backed at odds on, were defeated. In the case of the last-named, he was lame and sore in his preliminary, which accounts for his poor showing. Blackburn's defeat was not a disgrace.

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—Bert Johnson, of San Francisco, defeated Dave Hatch, of Visalia, in sixteen rounds, at the Occidental Club last night. Both men are colored heavyweights.

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